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NOTIFICATIONS RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF PANCHAYAT RAJ

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TELANGANA STATE ELECTION COMMISSION

ORDINARY ELECTIONS TO GRAM PANCHAYATS, 2019 - 3 NOTIFICATIONS.

No. 363/TSEC-PR/2019-3.- Whereas, in reference No. 363/TSEC-PR/2018, dated 01-01-2019 the State Election Commission issued Notification for conduct of Ordinary Elections to Gram Panchayats in three phases in the State.

And whereas, the Bachannapet Gram Panchayat and Mandal in Jangaon District is notified for election in Phase-I.

And whereas, as per the election schedule notified in the Annexure-I appended to the Notification No. 363/TSEC-PR/2018, dated 01.01.2019, the date of poll of Gram Panchayats notified in Phase-I of election is from 7.00 A.M to 1.00 P.M on 21.01.2019.

And whereas, in Rc.No. 1334/2018/Elections, dated 21.1.2019, the District Panchayat Officer and Additional District Election Authority, Jangaon District reported that, the poll process of Ward No. 3 of Bachannapet Gram Panchayat and Mandal in Jangaon District was started from 7.00 A.M on 21.01.2019 and after 77 votes were polled, it was noticed at around 9.00 A.M that, 6+NOTA (i.e., 6 election symbols allotted to contesting candidates + NOTA symbol) ballot paper was used instead of 5+NOTA (i.e., 5 election symbols allotted to contesting candidates + NOTA symbol) ballot paper and requested the Commission to issue necessary instructions.

Whereas, the report of the District Panchayat Officer and Additional District Election Authority, Jangaon District reveals that, the election process of Ward member of Ward No. 3 of Bachannapet Gram Panchayat and Mandal in Jangaon District, was vitiated due to issue of improper denomination ballot paper.

And whereas, the State Election Commission, after careful examination of the matter and taking all material circumstances into account, decided to re-notify fresh poll for the office of Ward member of Ward No. 3 of Bachannapet Gram Panchayat and Mandal in Jangaon District synchronizing it for Phase-III of poll.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under article 243 K of the Constitution of India and Section 230 (1)(c) of Telangana Panchayat Raj Act, 2018, the State Election Commission, hereby, declare the poll conducted for the office of Ward member of Ward No. 3 of Bachannapet Gram Panchayat and Mandal in Jangaon District on 21.01.2019 as void and direct that a fresh poll shall be conducted for the said ward on 30.01.2019 from 7.00A.M to 1.00 P.M duly following the procedure prescribed under Telangana Panchayat Raj (Conduct of Elections) Rules, 2018.

The Election for the office of Sarpanch of said Gram Panchayat in the said ward shall continue and the counting of votes and declaration of results of Sarpanch and other wards may be takenup after completion of poll process.

The election to the office of Upa-Sarpanch election of Bachannapet Gram Panchayat and Mandal in Jangaon District shall be conducted only after completion of election and declaration of results of Ward No. 3 of Bachannapet Gram Panchayat and Mandal in Jangaon District.

The date of poll of Ward No. 3 of the said Gram Panchayat shall be informed to the contesting candidates of that ward in writing and also to voters of that ward by tom—tom in that ward.

In this election, indelible mark shall be applied on the fourth finger of left hand.

 $\underline{\text{No. }363/\text{TSEC-PR/2019-4.-}}$ Whereas, in reference No. 363/TSEC-PR/2018, dated 01-01-2019 the State Election Commission issued Notification for conduct of Ordinary Elections to Gram Panchayats in three phases in the State.

And whereas, the Munjalakunta Thanda Gram Panchayat of Parvatagiri Mandal in Warangal (Rural) District is notified for election in Phase-I.

And whereas, as per the election schedule notified in the Annexure-I appended to the Notification No. 363/TSEC-PR/2018, dated 01.01.2019, the date of poll of Gram Panchayats notified in Phase-I of Election is from 7.00 A.M to 1.00 P.M on 21.01.2019.

And whereas, in Rc.No. A2/159/2018/Tendered Vote, dated 21.01.2019, the Collector and District Election Authority, Warangal (Rural) District reported that, in the polling station of Ward No.2 of Munjalakunta Thanda Gram Panchayat of Parvatagiri Mandal, at around 9.30 A.M one person claiming to be Banothu Badru, S/o Parvathalu to be a voter registered at Sl.No. 55 came to exercise his vote. On verification of marked copy of electoral rolls by the polling officer, it was revealed that, the vote was already cast. On enquiry it was found that, the person who came later to cast vote is Sri Banothu Badru S/o Parvathalu with EPIC Card No. AP392670486237 is a genuine voter and hence the Presiding Officer issued a tendered vote to him and he cast tendered vote. Out of total 36 votes in ward no. 2 of the said Gram Panchayat 33 votes were polled.

Whereas, the report of the Collector and District Election Authority, Warangal (Rural) District reveals the following grave irregularities in the conduct of poll process in the polling station of Ward No.2 and Sarpanch:

- There was impersonation in the polling station of Ward No.2 facilitated by non insistence of voter ID cards/identification documents against to the clear instructions of the SEC issued in Order No. 173/TSEC-PR/2018, dated 21.5.2018.
- 2. The polling agents did not object to the impersonation indicates either collusion among them or appointment of ineligible persons as polling agents.

And whereas, the State Election Commission, after careful examination of the matter and taking all material circumstances into account, decided that grave irregularities took place in the poll process of polling station of Ward No.2 of Munjalakunta Thanda Gram Panchayat and it comes under the scope of Sections 230(1)(c) and 230(2) of Telangana Panchayat Raj Act, 2018 and re-notify fresh poll for the office of Ward No. 2 and also Sarpanch in that ward of Munjalakunta Thanda Gram Panchayat synchronizing it for Phase-II of poll.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under article 243 K of the Constitution of India and Sections 230 (1)(c) and 230(2)(a) of Telangana Panchayat Raj Act, 2018, the State Election Commission, hereby, declares the poll conducted for the office of Ward member of Ward No.2 and also Sarpanch in that ward of Munjalakunta Thanda Gram Panchayat of Parvatagiri Mandal in Warangal (Rural) District on 21.01.2019 as void and directs that a fresh poll shall be conducted for the office of Ward member of ward No. 2 and Sarpanch in that ward of said Gram Panchayat on 25.01.2019 from 7.00 A.M to 1.00 P.M duly following the procedure prescribed under Telangana Panchayat Raj (Conduct of Elections) Rules, 2018.

The counting of votes of all offices of Munjalakunta Thanda Gram Panchayat shall be taken up only after completion of poll process of ward No. 2 and Sarpanch of that ward.

The election to the office of Upa-Sarpanch of the said Gram Panchayat shall be conducted only after declaration of results of all offices.

The date of poll of Ward No. 2 for the posts of Ward member and Sarpanch of the said Gram Panchayat shall be informed to all the contesting candidates of that ward and Sarpanch of the said Gram Panchayat in writing and also to voters of that ward by tom—tom in that ward.

In this election, indelible mark shall be applied on the ring (fourth) finger of left hand.

The Returning Officer concerned shall keep the sealed polled ballot boxes of other wards of the said Gram Panchayat in strong room under safe custody till the completion of poll process of Ward No. 2 and Sarpanch of the said Gram Panchayat.

No. 363/TSEC-PR/2019-5.- Whereas, in reference No. 363/TSEC-PR/2018, dated 01-01-2019 the State Election Commission issued Notification for conduct of Ordinary Elections to Gram Panchayats in three phases in the State.

And whereas, the Somanpalli Gram Panchayat of Anthergaon Mandal in Peddapalli District is notified for election in Phase-I.

And whereas, as per the election schedule notified in the Annexure-I appended to the Notification No. 363/TSEC-PR/2018, dated 01.01.2019, the date of poll of Gram Panchayats notified in Phase-I of Election is from 7.00 A.M to 1.00 P.M on 21.01.2019.

And whereas, in Lr.No. A7/56/2019, dated 21.01.2019, the Collector and District Election Authority, Peddapalli District reported that, the office of Ward member of Ward No. 8 of Somanpalli Gram Panchayat of Anthergaon Mandal in Peddapalli District was declared as unanimous and while conducting poll only to the office of the Sarpanch in the said ward, instead of Sri Uppuleti Yellaiah S/o Gundaiah a genuine registered voter registered at S.No. 620 in the electoral rolls, one person namely Sri Uppuleti Yellaiah S/o Pochaiah cast his vote by producing EPIC even though his name was not registered in the Electoral rolls. Later, when the genuine elector Sri Uppuleti Yellaiah S/o Gundaiah came to polling station, he was given tendered ballot and he cast tender ballot. Out of total 88 votes in the Ward No. 8 of the said GP 75 votes were polled.

And whereas, the report of the Collector and District Election Authority, Peddapalli reveals the following grave irregularities in conduct of poll process in the polling station of Ward No. 8 of Somanpalli Gram Panchayat.

- Sri Uppuleti Yellaiah S/o Pochaiah was allowed to vote though his name was not registered in the electoral roll and he was not supplied photo voter slip indicates irregular procedure of conduct of poll by polling personnel.
- The polling agents did not object to allowing Sri Uppuleti Yellaiah to vote by impersonation indicates either collusion among them or appointment of ineligible persons as polling agents.

And whereas, the State Election Commission, after careful examination of the matter and taking all material circumstances into account, decided that grave irregularities took place in the poll process for the office of Sarpanch in the polling station of Ward No. 8 of Somanpalli Gram Panchayat and it comes under the scope of Sections 230(1)(c) and 230(2) of Telangana Panchayat Raj Act, 2018 and to re-notify fresh poll for the office of Sarpanch in the polling station of Ward No. 8 of Somanpalli Gram Panchayat synchronizing it for Phase-II of poll.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under article 243 K of the Constitution of India and Sections 230 (1)(c) and 230(2)(a) of Telangana Panchayat Raj Act, 2018, the State Election Commission, hereby, declares the poll conducted for the office of Sarpanch in the polling station of Ward No.8 of Somanpalli Gram Panchayat of

Anthergaon Mandal in Peddapalli District on 21.01.2019 as void and directs that a fresh poll shall be conducted for the office of Sarpanch in the polling station of Ward No. 8 of said Gram Panchayat on 25.01.2019 from 7.00 A.M to 1.00 P.M duly following the procedure prescribed under Telangana Panchayat Raj (Conduct of Elections) Rules, 2018.

The counting of votes of all offices of Somanpalli Gram Panchayat shall be taken up only after completion of poll process of office of Sarpanch in the polling station of ward No. 8 of said gram Panchayat.

The election to the office of Upa-Sarpanch of the said Gram Panchayat shall be conducted only after declaration of results of all offices.

The date of poll of office of Sarpanch in the polling area of Ward No. 8 of said GP shall be informed to all the contesting candidates for the office of Sarpanch of the said Gram Panchayat in writing and also to voters by tom—tom in that ward.

In this election, indelible mark shall be applied on the ring (fourth) finger of left hand.

The Returning Officer concerned shall keep the sealed polled ballot boxes of all other wards of the said Gram Panchayat in strong room under safe custody till the completion of poll process of office of Sarpanch in the polling station of Ward No. 8 of the said Gram Panchayat.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSIONER)

Hyderabad, 21-01-2019.

M. ASHOK KUMAR, Secretary.